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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 9 May 1954:

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army: Major elements of the 11th Guards Tank Division, equipped with 100 tanks and self-propelled guns, arrived at the Koenigsbrueck summer camp between 2 and 4 May.
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army: On 1 May, the 18th Engineer Battalion of the 1st Mechanized Division left Doeberitz for Rosslau, probably to take part in water exercises. On 4 May, 12 x 37-mm anti-aircraft guns, belonging to the 75th Regiment of the 12th Guards Tank Division, were loaded on a train at Neuruppin, presumably to be used at Altengrabow or Jueterbog. Also on 4 May, one shipment comprising elements of the 31st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division went from Hennigsdorf to Wustrow.
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army: Advance units of the 9th Mechanized Division left Cottbus and Wuensdorf for the Forst Tauer summer camp on 20 and 21 April, and preparations for quartering troops at the camp were observed on 30 April. On 28 April, two shipments with troops of the 9th Mechanized Division, equipped with 22 tanks and 20 x 76-mm field guns, went from Cottbus to Peitz. On 25 and 26 April, major elements of the 7th Guards Tank Division, including 4,000 to 5,000 men, 30 tanks, 14 x 57-mm anti-tank guns and eight 160-mm mortars, departed from Rosslau and Kochstedt. On 25 and 26 April, troops of the 7th Guards Tank Division and 70 tanks, comprising six shipments, were detrained at Hillersleben. Simultaneously, elements of the 62nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division, with twelve 37-mm and ten 85-mm anti-aircraft guns, left Kochstedt, presumably for Wustrow.

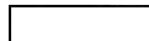
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4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: Transfer of the 25th Tank Division from Prenzlau and Oranienburg to the Templin training grounds was completed prior to 27 April. On 28 and 29 April, twelve transports with 7th Guards Mechanized Division troops were loaded at Frankfurt/Oder, and three shipments with elements of the 26th Guards Mechanized Regiment were loaded at Fuerstenwalde, all apparently destined for Lieberose. On 3 May, two shipments with elements of the 71st Light Artillery Brigade left Bernau for Altengrabow. On 4 May, advance parties of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division departed from Bernau towards Templin. Also on 4 May, preparations were made for the transfer of the 299th Mortar Regiment and the 359th Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment of the 10th Guards Tank Division from Potsdam to the summer camp. On 26 April, a shipment with elements of the 32nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division went from Frankfurt/Oder to Wustrow.
 5. Third Shock Army: On 3 and 4 May, the 20th Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade was transferred in six or seven shipments from Brandenburg and Magdeburg to Altengrabow. On 24 to 29 April, the bulk of the 18th Mechanized Division, including about 135 T-34 tanks, 49 JS tanks and 24 self-propelled guns, went in 33 shipments from Perleberg, Ludwigslust and Parchim to the Wittstock troop training grounds. Between 3 and 6 May, elements of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division departed by road and rail from Magdeburg and headed northwest, probably toward Letzling Heath.
 6. Eighth Guards Army: Advance parties of the 67th Engineer Battalion of the 57th Guards Rifle Division prepared to leave Naumburg between 20 and 24 April. On 29 April, the unit itself prepared for departure. On 3 May, elements of the 17th Guards Tank and SP Regiment were loaded on trains at Weissenfels. On the same day, the bulk of the 27th Guards Tank Regiment and elements of the 67th Guards Mechanized Regiment of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division were entrained at the Zeitz railroad station. Additional elements, including heavy tanks and artillery, were loaded at the Jena railroad station, probably for Ohrdruf. On 23 and 24 April, the 446th Signal Battalion of the Eighth Guards Army departed from Weimar, probably also for Ohrdruf. On 23 April, the spring inspection of the artillery brigades was held at Altenburg. All four artillery brigades were at their stations on 1 May.
 7. IV Artillery Corps: Between 3 and 5 May, the 34th Artillery Division with two brigades was transferred in ten shipments from Potsdam to the Altengrabow troop training grounds. Transfer of elements of the 6th Artillery Division (the 65th Mortar Brigade) from Rathenow to Altengrabow continued during the same period, with nine shipments counted so far.
 8. GOFG Units: The 36th Pontoon Bridge Regiment was entrained in Magdeburg on 3 and 4 May, and probably was destined for the Rossrau training grounds.
- B. KVP Developments:
1. The truck regiment formed from the truck battalion of the KVP in Berlin-Magerviehhof has been split into three battalions with three companies each. It now has a strength of about 600 men and 350 trucks. New supply shipments, probably containing motor vehicles for Oranienburg from the USSR, have been announced for May and June 1954.
 2. KVP units were in training at their posts and at firing ranges.

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Comment:

The transfer of combat divisions, especially in the southern area, continued up to 6 May. So far the departure of 11 out of 22 combat divisions to summer camps has been covered. The distribution of units to the training areas is identical to that of last year.

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